

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Christ Protestant Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

Rock Spring Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Box 215

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Vestry of Christ Church, Rock Spring

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 215

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21050**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
MarylandLiber #: 567
Folio #: 123**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-28

CONDITION☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This church faces south and stands on the west side of Rock Spring Road, just north of Rock Spring Church Road.

The original Church structure, built in 1805, was redesigned and rebuilt in 1875 on the original site. The building is made of grey granite. The main structure is rectangular and one story high. Walls are relatively low and thick and support a very steep slate covered roof. The roof has very wide eaves. Three lancets, a taller wider one flanked by two shorter and narrower ones, are located at the center of the south side. The main entrance is now gained through a vertical plank door on the south side of the bell tower, added in 1901.

The tower is grey granite in the Romanesque style. It has louvered, lancet vents.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

rebuilt 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church, organized in 1805, was originally served by rectors of St. James on the Manor. The Rev. John Coleman, rector of St. James, had much to do with the organization of this church. Mr. Coleman wrote in his diary of 1804 that he was preaching in homes of the Rock Spring neighborhood pending the building of a new church. Mr. Coleman died in 1816 and was succeeded by the Rev. John Reeder Keech, who continued to serve three churches; St. James, St. John's, and Christ Church. In 1821, a request of the congregation was granted making Christ Church a separate parish.

The original building was remodeled in 1875 by changing the walls and roof and rebuilding them to their present form. The tower was erected in 1901.

The church is similar, in some ways, to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Emmorton, having some aspects of Early English Gothic Revival style. In the Early English manner most windows are tall narrow lancets. The church also has a very steep roof in that same manner. The tower, added in 1901, is Romanesque in style.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory; 1953.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage; 1967.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.30

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Church is bordered on the west by the Vestry of Christ Church; on the east by Rt. 24 (Rock Spring Road); and on the south by Rock Spring Church Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

January 20, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

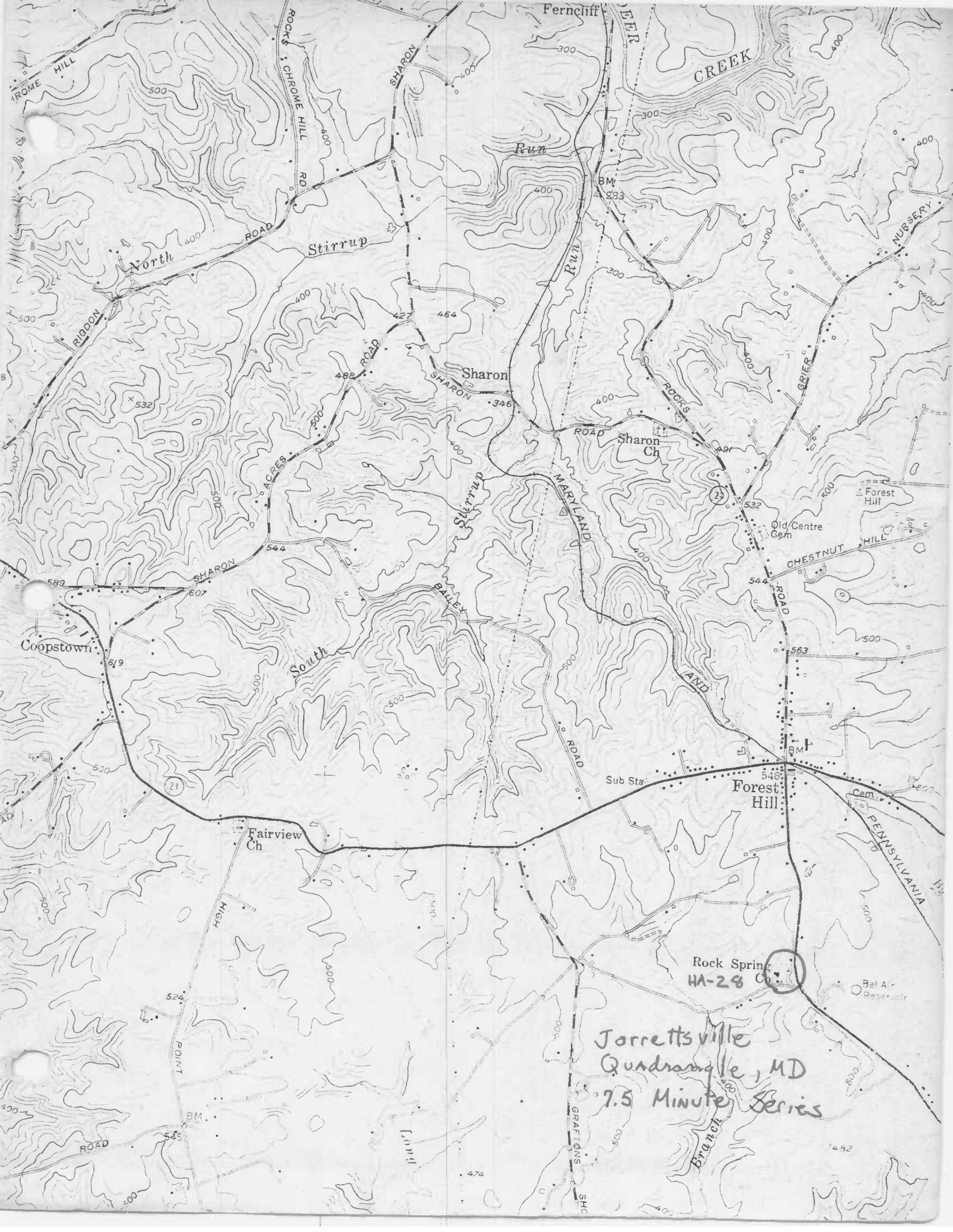
STATE

Maryland

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7.5 Minute Series



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